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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] FIGS. 10-11 illustrate a preferred embodiment of the sheet metal blank 10' of a curved roof bow 10. The sheet metal blank 10' is advantageous as a starting material if the user desires a monolithic roof bow formed by bending. The sheet metal blank 10' preferably includes at least one horizontal embossment 26, which gives the blank 10' sufficient stiffness during the manufacturing process. Additionally, a plurality of vertical embossments 28 ~~may be~~ are may be provided in the vertical face 20, along with one or more additional horizontal embossments 27.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] A plurality of apertures 30 may be formed in the vertical face 20 of the curved roof bow 10. These apertures 30 may be provided as clearance holes for marker lights, wiring, ducting, or stay lasts or stiffeners (such as a wood 2x4 to space one curved roof bow from an adjacent roof bow, usually on 16" centers). Preferably, the round apertures 30a on the outboard end of the curved roof provide clearance for marker lights when the curved roof bow is installed at the rear of the vehicle. The oval apertures 30b next inboard from the round apertures may be used for the stay lasts. The oval apertures 30c next to the stay lasts apertures 30b may be ~~are~~ usually used for wiring. The large apertures 30d are typically used for ducting, and the center aperture 30e is typically used for wiring and, when installed at the rear of the vehicle, as clearance for a marker light. It should be understood that the aforementioned reference to particular apertures 30a-30e in conjunction with particular functions is exemplary; the number and shape of apertures 30 and the function of any particular aperture can be adapted for particular needs of the vehicle 100 without deviating from the scope of the present invention.